

(c) *If a manufacturer makes available an investigational drug, biological product, or device to an eligible patient under this subchapter, the manufacturer must provide the investigational drug, biological product, or device to the eligible patient without receiving compensation.*

Sec. 489.054. NO CAUSE OF ACTION CREATED. This chapter does not create a private or state cause of action against a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device or against any other person or entity involved in the care of an eligible patient using the investigational drug, biological product, or device for any harm done to the eligible patient resulting from the investigational drug, biological product, or device.

Sec. 489.055. STATE MAY NOT INTERFERE WITH ACCESS TO INVESTIGATIONAL DRUG, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT, OR DEVICE. An official, employee, or agent of this state may not block or attempt to block an eligible patient's access to an investigational drug, biological product, or device under this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER C. HEALTH INSURANCE

Sec. 489.101. EFFECT ON HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR CLINICAL TRIAL ENROLLEES. This chapter does not affect the coverage of enrollees in clinical trials under Chapter 1379, Insurance Code.

SUBCHAPTER D. PHYSICIANS

Sec. 489.151. ACTION AGAINST PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE PROHIBITED. Notwithstanding any other law, the Texas Medical Board may not revoke, fail to renew, suspend, or take any action against a physician's license under Subchapter B, Chapter 164, Occupations Code, based solely on the physician's recommendations to an eligible patient regarding access to or treatment with an investigational drug, biological product, or device, provided that the recommendations made to the patient meet the medical standard of care.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 22, 2015: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 21 on May 23, 2015: Yeas 134, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 16, 2015.

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CREATING A RECOGNITION DAY IN HONOR OF GOLD STAR MOTHERS

CHAPTER 503

H.B. No. 194

AN ACT

relating to creating a recognition day in honor of Gold Star Mothers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.061 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.061. GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY. (a) The last Sunday in September of

each year is Gold Star Mother's Day in recognition of mothers whose sons and daughters died while serving in the United States armed forces.

(b) Gold Star Mother's Day shall be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 9, 2015: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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ELIGIBILITY OF A PERSON TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR OR HOLDER OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ELECTIVE OFFICES

CHAPTER 504

H.B. No. 484

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of a person to be a candidate for or holder of certain public elective offices.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 141.001, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state, a person must:

- (1) be a United States citizen;
- (2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- (3) have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
 - (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- (4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- (5) have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:
 - (A) for a candidate whose name is to appear on a general primary election ballot, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
 - (B) for an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
 - (C) for a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in;
 - (D) for a party nominee who is nominated by any method other than by primary election, the date the nomination is made; and
 - (E) for an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made; ~~and~~
- (6) on the date described by Subdivision (5), be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected; and